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- A statement by a reliable person that he or she heard the soldier state that he or she is homosexual or that he or she “married” or attempted to “marry” a member of the same sex;
- A statement by a reliable person that he or she observed or discovered a soldier saying or writing a statement acknowledging a homosexual act or the intent to engage in a homosexual act.

What can I do if I am threatened or harassed?

A soldier who feels harassed or threatened for any reason should report the harassment or threat at once to his or her commander.

Under DOD and Army policy the fact that a person reports being threatened or harassed because he or she is said or perceived to be a homosexual shall not, by itself, constitute credible information justifying the initiation of an investigation of the threatened

or harassed soldier.

It is Army policy that soldiers can report threats, harassment or violence to the command, free of harm or reprisal. Commanders will take appropriate action to protect the safety of soldiers who report threats or harassment. Appropriate action should include prompt investigation of the threat or harassment itself.

Threats or harassment based on a soldier’s perceived or alleged homosexuality do not, by themselves, constitute credible information justifying an inquiry about possible homosexual conduct by the harassed soldier.

Who can I talk with in confidentiality?

A soldier can discuss any topic regarding sexual orientation with a legal assistance attorney or chaplain. They are generally not required to disclose the contents of a privileged communication or take any actions of which the soldier does not approve.

